

York 2/1 mo. '73

Dear <sup>Ind</sup>  
Dr Gray

I am in rect of thy  
two letters, also of the 2 roots  
of Cypripedium from M<sup>r</sup> Clark  
(which looks "promising"!): also  
a number of roots of Erythro-  
nium (same as before I suppose?).

Pkt of Hammamelis I send  
on to Kew, as it will be  
more fit for their collection  
than ours. Prunella suppurates-  
cent seems all right so far.  
The Prodrax coccineas &c  
cause all right.

Dr Parry's dried spec<sup>s</sup> he will  
probably be here soon (in a few  
days I expect). Our new Fern.

Catalogue is preparing for the  
press. The old stock is exhaus-  
ted, or I wd have sent one before.  
The new one will not be very  
long before it is ready.

I will take care that Dr. Hooker  
is well supplied with the  
things sent to us, but it is  
better every way that we  
should establish them  
first, as I believe we do  
this better (i.e. more quickly)  
than they, at Kew.

In much haste, & desir-  
ing much happiness for the  
new year to thee & thine

I remain very sincerely  
Thy Backhouse